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Mitch O'Farrell, Councilmember, 13th District



Friend --

We celebrated two events this week that were years in the making.

On Thursday, we dedicated the brand new **Echo Park Senior Center**. The idea for the center started more than a decade ago when I was on the staff of my predecessor. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of city, county, and school district officials, in partnership with the community, we now have a safe, high quality facility where seniors can gather for social interaction and a healthy meal.

Also this week, I joined **Project Angel Food** in celebrating a remarkable milestone. Founder Marianne Williamson and I packaged and delivered the 10 millionth meal! The organization specializes in preparing meals for the critically ill, and I volunteered for the organization during the early 90s. Today, more than twenty years later, I was honored to be able to participate in my current capacity as Councilmember.

Both events were a reminder that steady and thoughtful work to benefit others is worthwhile. I was so thrilled to see both events come full circle in my personal and professional life, and to receive validation that we are all part of something much larger than ourselves in the City of Angels.

Warm regards,

Mitch O'Farrell

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#### COMING UP

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#### O'FARRELL DEDICATES NEW ECHO PARK SENIOR CENTER



ECHO PARK - Los Angeles City, County, and School District officials on Thursday dedicated a new facility that provides health education, nutritious meals, social services, activities, and transportation to seniors in the City of Angels.

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#### TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE - NORTH EASTERLY TERRACE PUBLIC STAIRS



SILVER LAKE - The network of public stairs in the 13th District has historical significance in Los Angeles. They were designed to get residents around their hillside neighborhoods, and overall make our communities special and unique. The CD 13 Clean Team helps maintain the stairs for safe passage, such as this set at North Easterly Terrace in Silver Lake. In this photo, you can see the Clean Team trimmed the branches to provide better access for pedestrians.

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#### VOLUNTEERS TURNOUT FOR COUNCILMEMBER IN YOUR CORNER



EAST HOLLYWOOD - Thank you to the volunteers who turned out for the recent Councilmember in Your Corner event. Each month, the Councilmember recruits the help of several organizations to conduct outreach and participate in beautification efforts. The event is a huge success due in part to the following organizations: Aztecs Rising, IDEPSCA, Immigrants Charitable Foundation (ICF) community service team, the Los Angeles Beautification Team, and our very own CD 13 Clean Team.

[SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT](#)

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#### **PROJECT ANGEL FOOD PREPARES AND DELIVERS 10 MILLIONTH MEAL**



Project Angel Food, which is based in the 13th District, prepared and delivered on Friday its 10 millionth meal for the critically ill. The Councilmember joined Project Angel Food founder Marianne Williamson, and Richard Ayoub, interim executive director, for the milestone. "What a remarkable achievement for Project Angel Food," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "I applaud the organization for decades of providing nutritious meals to those in need. Thank you for making your home in the 13th District and continuing your mission of giving on two fronts -- to the clients you serve, and to the volunteers whose lives are enriched by the personal interaction and the opportunity to be of service in our communities."

In the photo, Councilmember O'Farrell delivered the 10 millionth meal to a Project Angel Food client (and CD13 constituent) in East Hollywood.

[SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT ON FACEBOOK](#)

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#### **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MONSIGNOR OSCAR ROMERO**





CITY HALL - The Los Angeles City Council celebrated the life of Monsignor Oscar Romero, as well as his advocacy for human rights. Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Curren D. Price, Jr. lead the special presentation, and were joined by Consul General of El Salvador Mercedes Lopez Pena, Carlos Vaquerano from The Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund, and Sandra Rossato from Clinica Msr. Oscar A. Romero, located in the 13th District.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CITY'S NEW TRANSGENDER ADVISORY COUNCIL



CITY HALL - The City of Los Angeles this week became the nation's largest city to establish a permanent council of transgender community leaders to advise the City on how to best serve the needs of transgender Angelenos. "I am proud of the work we are doing to improve race and gender relations, and this new advisory council will help direct discussion at every level of city government," said Councilmember O'Farrell. "Those in the transgender community are among the most misunderstood and marginalized in all of society, and as their brother in the effort to elevate issues of fairness and equality for everyone, it is important that no community is left behind in the city of Angels." Transgender Advisory Council members include: Talia Bettcher, Jazzmun Crayton, Jaden Fields, Justine Gonzalez, Terri Jay, Zoey Luna, Diana Feliz Oliva, Karina Samala, and James Wen.

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#### AROUND THE DISTRICT

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HISTORIC FILIPINOTOWN: [O'Farrell, Public Works announce call for artists for streetlight project](#)

**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**



EAST HOLLYWOOD - The great CD13 Clean Team, tackling a beautification project on Sunset Boulevard. Thanks for all you do, Clean Team!

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